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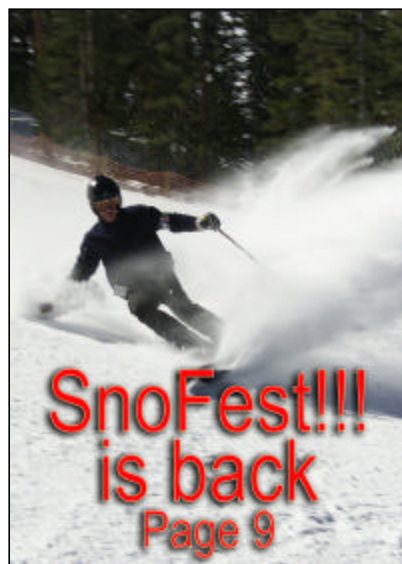
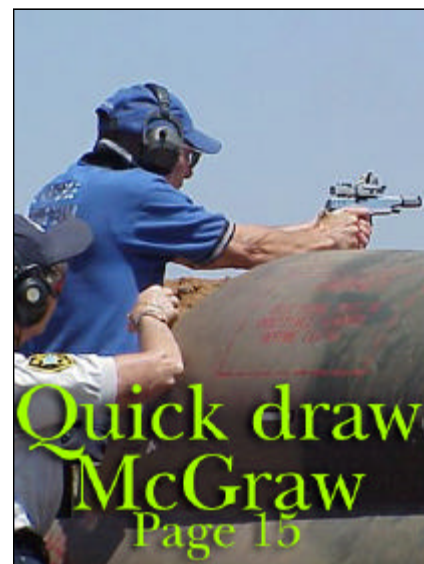


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## Peterson Inclement Weather Reporting Procedures

The following are inclement weather reporting procedures for Peterson Air Force Base.

- Tune in to local news or radio channels to find out if Peterson is currently on delayed reporting.
- Call the Peterson Snow Call Line at 556-SNOW.
- Log on to [www.peterson.af.mil](http://www.peterson.af.mil), where reporting procedures will be updated automatically.
- If delayed reporting is in effect, non-mission essential personnel have an additional two hours to report for duty.
- If there has been a base closure, only mission essential and emergency personnel are to report for duty.
- If phased early release is put into effect, non-mission essential personnel will be released from duty by zip code. The zone 1 zip codes will be released first. They are: 80012, 80133, 80816, 80840, 80908, 80919, 80930, 80910, 80013, 80223, 80817, 80863, 80911, 80920, 80932, 81006, 80015, 80231, 80819, 80864, 80912, 80921, 80935, 81212, 80033, 80808, 80829, 80904, 80913, 80926, 80936, 81631, 80106, 80814, 80831, 80905, 80915 (East of Marksheffel), 80928, 80940, 81920, 80132, 80815, 80835, 80906, 80929, 80962, and any other zip code located further away from Peterson.
- Zone 2 zip codes will be released 30 minutes later and they are: 80903, 80916 (off-base portion only), 80925, 80907, 80909, 80910, 80917, 80915 (West of Marksheffel), 80918, and 80922.
- All on-base residents are Zone 3 and will be released last.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson

## Fighting the flu

Tech. Sgt. Brad Staton gets his flu shot from Staff Sgt. Roxanne Stoll, both from the 810th Medical Operations Squadron. Flu shots are being given at the clinic from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays-Fridays for active duty and high-risk individuals. For more information, call 556-FLUU.

# Action Line

## Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line is your direct link to the 21st Space Wing Commander – use it wisely! Try to resolve problems at the lowest level possible – with the person or activity, and then follow the chain of command.

Though it's not required, we ask that you leave your name and phone number so we can get back to you for clarifications, or if your response isn't printed.

If you can't get satisfactory results, then call (719) 556-7777. You may also fax your question to 556-7848.

## Asking directions

**QUESTION:** Why don't they make the traffic lanes one way in the BX/Commissary parking lot? I think this would prevent accidents.

**ANSWER:** While we appreciate your concern about traffic safety on Peterson, a review of history shows we have modified the current parking lot multiple times over the years, and have reached a configuration that best fits the current needs.

Unfortunately, the BX/Commissary parking lot is not geometrically arranged for one-way traffic, and one-way traffic would not permit the circulation required for the current traffic load. Additionally, converting to one-way traffic is not economically feasible, as the entire parking layout would have to be reconfigured, likely including moving the concrete-base light poles.

The current lanes are at the standard width for two-way traffic, as well as the parking spaces. For a long-term solution, AAFES and DeCA are planning to construct a new BX/Commissary complex with a totally redesigned parking area to accommodate more vehicles and one-way traffic in the near future. A review of accidents in the parking lot shows the prevalent cause to be inattention in backing up, which wouldn't be prevented by a new parking design.

For more information on this issue you can contact Daniel Yocum at 556-1833.

## Child care concerns

**QUESTION:** Why can't the CDC offer child

care for parents who have doctor appointments?

The OBGYN clinic doesn't allow children to accompany parents, and the CDC said they do not watch children for the hour or however long it takes for an appointment.

I know Fort Carson and some other bases offer child care for parents who have appointments.

**ANSWER:** Thanks for the call. The priority for care in the Child Development Centers is for dual working parents and, as such, at the time of your appointment all available spaces in the CDCs were used to support these parents. However, since the opening of the CDC at Schriever Air Force Base, there have been fluctuations in the enrollment and waiting lists for Peterson CDCs.

At this point, we have a limited waiting list for parents needing care for children over the age of two years. Therefore, we will begin offering hourly care in our toddler and preschool classrooms on Dec. 2.

For more information on this issue, contact Toni Hansen at 556-4883.



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## A Moment in Time: November



■ On Nov. 2, 1971, the first Defense Satellite Communications System, Phase II, was launched into geosynchronous orbit.

■ On Nov. 3, 1957, the first animal in orbit, a dog named Laika, was carried aloft by Soviet Sputnik 2.

■ On Nov. 3, 1909, Lt. George C. Sweet became the first Navy officer to fly when he was a passenger in the Wright Military Flyer.

Information courtesy of Staff Sgt. Trisha Morgan, 21st Space Wing History Office.



# Right on target

*Space Command sharpshooters hit bullseye in Texas*

*Defender Challenge pits Security Forces in test of wit, skills*

By 2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

**A**ir Force Space Command's Security Forces sharpshooter team swept four awards from Oct. 20-24 Defender Challenge competition at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Three of the awards were won during team shooting competitions. Space Command's team was headed by Master Sgt. Tim Winfree, 21st Space Wing Security Forces Squadron, who also won an individual award.

The team won a gold medal for combat weapons, including the M-60, M-249, and M-4 Carbine, a gold medal for overall marksmanship, and a bronze medal for the handgun event. All of these events were scored using the collective team's performance.

The only individual award was the Royal Air Force Regiment Commandant General's Award. This award recognizes the one individual who depicts the best of all the leadership traits. Winfree was nominated for this award by other team captains and competition controllers.

"I was honored to be chosen for this award, especially in the presence of so many other deserving individuals who competed this year," said Winfree.

A total of 10 teams competed against each other. Every team consisted of eight primary members and a captain/alternate competitor, who compete with numerous modern weapons.



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

**Staff Sgt. Pall Moore, of the Air Combat Command Defender Challenge 2002 team, draws a bead on a target during the M-9 pistol competition. Moore is from the 347th Security Forces Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. Ten all-star security forces teams from U.S. Air Force major commands worldwide, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the Royal Air Force Regiment competed Oct. 21 to 24 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in the 20th Defender Challenge security forces competition.**

Defender Challenge serves as a testbed for new weapons and equipment, including the M-4 rifle, as a proof-of-concept evaluation for the Close Precision Engagement day-and-night sighting system.

"The M-4 is great," said Winfree. "It offers the Security Forces career field a significant increase in versatility as a replacement for the M-16."

The M-4 has a range of more than 500 meters and includes a night vision sighting system, which looks "like daylight," said Senior Airman Jacob Garza, 37th Security Forces Squadron, Lackland, AFB.

Another portion of the competition included a nighttime live-fire competition at Camp Bullis, Texas.

"My favorite part of the competition was the Combat Weapons event," said Winfree. "It was a night operation, and allowed us to fully utilize all the new equipment we were given."

The other two events in the competition were the M-9 pistol and the Sadler Cup, both at the Lackland Annex Center.

M-4 pistol competitors were tested for accuracy on a computer-driven firing range that featured pop-up, shoot and don't shoot friend and foe interactive targets.

In Sadler Cup competition, the team planned and executed each challenging operation on short notice. Team members wore detection gear and used laser weapons that detected hits on friends, foes, and themselves. Teams encountered displaced people and 'bad guys' representing opposing forces.

"The most important part of the competition was being able to field test new technologies and equipment for our career field, and to validate our training and abilities to fight and win," said Winfree.

The trophies are displayed at the Air Force Security Forces Center at Lackland. Peterson will be receiving plaques to display at Headquarters Air Force Space Command Security Forces.



Photo by Dale Eckroth

**Senior Airman Corey Crow competes in the first round of the M-9 pistol competition during Defender Challenge 2002. Crow, a member of the Air Force Materiel Command team, is assigned to the 78th Security Forces Squadron at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. Defender Challenge is the Air Force worldwide security forces competition.**

**CONSTRUCTION**

Portions of the Base Exchange, Commissary, and Building 1470 parking lots will be closed Nov. 11, 12, and 13 for pavement maintenance. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**FLU SHOTS**

The Peterson Medical Clinic is scheduled to give flu shots for dependents and retirees at the enlisted club dining room Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be a limited number of doses available so another date will be scheduled when more vaccine is available. For the flu schedule, call 556-FLUU (3588).

**SANTA'S TOY****CONSIGNMENT SALE**

Santa's Toy Consignment Sale will be held Nov. 16, 9 a.m. - noon, at the Fort Carson Field House, Building 1160, across from Burger King. Customers will be able to purchase new or like new toys and children's items at a discounted price.

Those interested in sell-

ing their toys and other children's items may drop items off at the post Field House Nov. 15, between noon and 5 p.m. No clothing items are to be sold.

Families will price their own items and profits, along with unsold items, must be picked up Nov. 16 between 1 and 2 p.m. All unclaimed items will be given to charity. There will be a 10 percent consignment fee for each item to be sold, and a \$1 admission fee for every adult customer.

All proceeds will go to funding Nomad Troop Family Readiness Group. For more information, contact Kristin Keown at 392-8328.

**EDUCATION OFFICE**

■ Active duty tuition assistance

-- The education office now provides 100 percent tuition assistance. The maximum the Air Force can pay per semester hour is \$250 or \$166.67 per quarter hour. This equates to \$750 that the Air Force could pay for a three

semester hour course. There is an annual ceiling of \$4,500 that the Air Force will pay in tuition assistance for any individual. Call 556-4064 for details.

■ Civilian tuition assistance

-- Tuition assistance is available to Air Force Space Command employees. The purpose of the program is to help pay a portion of the tuition for off duty education courses taken through colleges and universities.

The Air Force will provide 75 percent of the tuition for a course. Call 556-4046 for more information.

**MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS**

The museum needs volunteers in the gift shop to work one shift, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 12:30 - 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Interested volunteers should contact Don Fulkerson at 282-1231 or call the museum at 556-4915.

**EVENING LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

The Peterson legal office now offers evening legal assis-

tance. Every Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m., attorneys will be available for legal assistance by appointment only for active duty military members. Call 556-4871 to schedule an appointment.

**WATERING****RESTRICTIONS**

The following watering restrictions are in effect for base housing residents through April.

■ Residents with even addresses water the second Sunday of each month.

■ Residents with odd addresses water the second Saturday of each month.

If snow and freezing temperatures prohibit base residents from watering on their designated day, they may water on their day during the fourth week of the month.

Watering of trees, shrubs, planting beds, and planters is allowed using a handheld hose with an attached shutoff nozzle, drip irrigation system or bucket according to the following schedule: October, November

and April - Two times per month. December through March - Once per month.

An allowance has been made for trees, shrubs, planting beds, and planters that were planted during 2002. These plants may be watered twice a week during October and November, and twice a month from December through April.

**SNOW PARADE**

A parade is scheduled for today, 1-2:30 p.m., on base. Featured will be snow removal equipment and base leadership will ride throughout the parade. If you have any questions call John Coutee at 556-1460.

**ACADEMY HOUSING MEETING**

The next town hall meeting for residents of the Air Force Academy will be Wednesday, 5 p.m., in the Douglass Valley Elementary School gym.

Discussion will include school choices and transportation issues related to the upcoming housing renovation project.

**At the Base Chapel****Protestant**

Liturgical Worship, 8:15 a.m.  
Traditional Sunday Worship  
11 a.m.  
Gospel Services, 12:30 p.m.

**Catholic**

Weekday Mass, 11:35 a.m.  
Saturdays, 5 p.m.  
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.  
Reconciliation Saturdays, 4 p.m.

**Religious Education**

Catholic and Protestant Sunday  
School classes begin at 8:30 and  
9:45 a.m. respectively.

**\*\*For more information**

Call the chapel at 556-4442  
for available chapel  
programs.

# Blotter

The following real-life events with real individuals from around the Peterson Complex are to inform you of crimes, accidents, and events occurring on base. The following entries are from hundreds recorded in the Peterson Police Blotter.

*\*\*Editor's note: Although the Space Observer staff may make light of some Blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to our security and law enforcement concerns. However, rest assured, our professional Security Forces treat each incident seriously.*

## Walking computers – Oct. 21

Security Forces was notified when two computers valued at \$3,000 mysteriously disappeared over the weekend from the base clinic. The doors of two rooms were locked over the weekend, but come Monday morning, the doors were reported to be open, while the handles were still in the locked position.

The thieving computer bug still remains unidentified; investigation is ongoing.

## Following Hollywood? – Oct. 21

No she wasn't scantily clad, but she surely was doing illegal research into a role as a shoplifter.

A Wynona Rider wannabe was caught by a store detective for stealing a Timex watch, sunglasses, two shirts, and a pair of pants valued at \$161.70 from the Base Exchange.

Security Forces

issued a summons for shoplifting for the fashion filcher who was later released to her sponsor.

## Backing & Bonking #1 – Oct. 23

Security Forces responded to the Arts and Crafts Center for a report of a minor traffic accident. Perfectly synchronizing their actions, two drivers had backed into each other in the parking lot.

The results of their precision were a ¼ inch scratch and paint transfer on the driver's side rear bumper and lower quarter panel of one vehicle, and a 3 ft by 2 ½ ft dent on the other.

To commemorate these tangible memories, both drivers were presented with citations for inattentive backing.

## Trailer gone astray – Oct. 23

A military member notified Security Forces that his 18-foot black trailer was missing from an unsecured parking lot, where he had left it when he planned to help a friend haul wood.

Investigation is ongoing.

## 911 response – Oct. 23

The Fire Department and AMR responded to the West Gate when a military member complained of respiratory problems. AMR arrived on scene and transported the member to Memorial Hospital.

## Distinguished visiting Ghost? – Oct. 24

An employee of Building 1470 phoned Security Forces after discovering a distinguished visitor entry door was opened and there was no one around. Security Forces conducted a security walk-through and determined that all was in order.

## Backing and bonking #2 – Oct. 24

Two hasty drivers didn't bother checking out the images growing closer than they appeared in their rearview mirrors in the parking lot of the dining facility.

After their dust and food had settled, both drivers' cars resembled demolition derby entrants, as one vehicle had paint transfer, while the other captured a broken taillight on the left rear, paint transfer on the rear bumper, and approximately an 8x4x2-inch dent in the trunk.

Security Forces served the diners with citations for inattentive backing.

## And I do my little turn on the thief walk – Oct. 24

Two would-be fashion bugs attempted to steal \$187 worth of clothing and jewelry from the Base Exchange, oblivious to security cameras and AAFES detectives watching out for such fools.

An undercover detective caught the trend-crazed thieves and turned them over to Security Forces. Both shifty shoplifters were issued a summons for shoplifting.

## Are you sure you don't want that to go? – Oct. 24

A security systems operator telephoned

Security Forces with a Nugget about receiving three burglar alarms notifications from McDonald's. Security Forces arrived on scene to find that all burgers and fries were in order, and no Hamburgular in sight.

They also questioned the McManager, who, though she always has the Shakes, was unaware of the alarm going off, and was Happy Meals were being prepared.

## A good citizen among us – Oct. 25

A retired military member found a government license plate and holder lying on the ground at a Cheyenne Mountain Boulevard fast food restaurant and returned it to Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station Security Forces. Thanks!

## Priorities – Oct. 25

Security Forces patrols responded to an on-base credit union due to an early morning alarm activation. Seems the employee on the scene had hastily proceeded to the restroom before deactivating the alarms. The employee properly authenticated, and Security Forces affirmed the facility was in order.

## Trailer trashed – Oct. 26

A retired military member reported to Security Forces that he had found a four-foot dent on the left side of his white travel trailer. Unfortunately the bonehead bumper didn't stick around or admit the accident, and no one witnessed the trailer-thumping incident.

## Hello?...hello?...click – Oct. 26

The CSPD contacted Security Forces stating they had received a hang-up 911 call from someone

on a cell phone who said they were at a particular address on base. After searching the area for disturbances, Security Forces was unable to identify the prank caller. The resident was contacted, and had just gotten off work; she stated she was separated from her spouse who was residing at an apartment off base, and she had not had any contact with him.

## Lackadaisical locomoter – Oct. 26

While doing a routine license check, a Security Forces patrol discovered the driver's license had been revoked. CSPD took the individual into custody after presenting him with a summons for driving with a revoked license.

## Imbibing imbecile – Oct. 26

A driver at the West Gate was detained during an ID check when the sentry detected an alcohol smell from the vehicle.

The juiced jockey consented to a portable breath test to determine if he was driving under the influence; the test resulted in a .087 BAC.

The patrol initiated Field Sobriety Maneuvers to determine if there was enough probable cause to detain the individual, and there certainly was. The libater weaved and stumbled during the Walk-and-Turn Maneuver, and used two fingers instead of one finger when instructed to do a Finger-to-Nose Maneuver.

After being given an unwavering, non-stumbling violation for Driving While Impaired, the stewed steerer was released to his first sergeant.

(Anyone witnessing an unlawful act should call the Security Forces at 556-4000.)







# Turkey fryers can produce good food, bad fires

A longtime food favorite in the southern United States, the delicious deep-fried turkey has quickly grown in popularity in recent years. While some people rave about this tasty creation, safety experts are concerned that backyard chefs may be sacrificing safety for good taste.

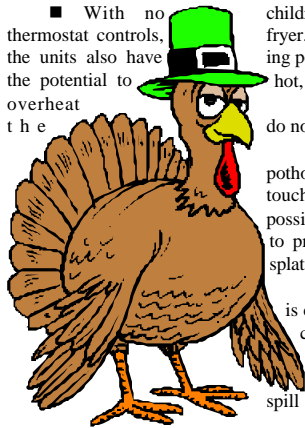
## Here's why using a deep-fryer can be dangerous:

- Many units easily tip over, spilling the five gallons of hot oil in the cooking pot.

- If the cooking pot is overfilled with oil, the oil may spill out of the unit when the turkey is placed into the cooking pot. Oil may hit the burner/flames causing a fire to engulf the entire unit.

- Partially frozen turkeys placed into the fryer can cause a spillover effect. This too, may result in an extensive fire.

- With no thermostat controls, the units also have the potential to overheat the



oil to the point of combustion.

- The sides of the cooking pot, lid and pot handles get dangerously hot, posing severe burn hazards.

## If you're going to use a turkey fryer, here are some tips for safer use:

- Turkey fryers should always be used outdoors a safe distance from buildings and anything else that can burn.

- Never use turkey fryers on wooden decks or in garages.

- Make sure the fryers are used on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping.

- Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls. If you don't watch the fryer carefully, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.

- Never let children or pets near the fryer when in use. Even after use, never allow children or pets near the turkey fryer. The oil inside the cooking pot can remain dangerously hot, hours after use.

- To avoid oil spillover, do not overfill the fryer.

- Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching pot or lid handles. If possible, wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil splatter.

- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and be careful with marinades. Oil and water don't mix, and water causes oil to spill over, causing a fire or an



Photo courtesy of Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

**During safety tests, a cooking oil spill quickly produced a turkey fryer bonfire.**

explosion hazard.

- The National Turkey Federation recommends refrigerator thawing and to allow approximately 24 hours for every five pounds of bird thawed in the refrigerator.

- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a

grease fire. Remember to use your best judgment when attempting to fight a fire. If the fire is manageable, use an all-purpose fire extinguisher. If the fire increases, immediately call 9-1-1 for help.

(Article courtesy of Underwriters Laboratories Inc.)

## AAFES implements debit card program

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is implementing a Debit Card Program that will provide soldiers and airmen a faster and more convenient alternative to writing checks.

Worldwide rollout began Oct. 28 at approximately half of AAFES' exchange locations. Implementation will begin at remaining facilities, including Peterson Air Force Base, Monday, Nov. 4. With the exception of remote locations, debit card capabilities should be in place in all AAFES facilities by Thanksgiving. Customers making purchases with their debit card will also be able to receive cash back — up to \$100 cash back in main stores and up to \$50 cash back in other retail facilities, depending on availability of funds. All U.S. issued debit cards will be accepted.

Currently, debit cards used in AAFES facilities are processed as credit card transactions that carry higher processing fees as compared to fees for on-line debit card transactions. The Debit Card Program will result in lower processing fees for AAFES, which will translate to higher dividend payments to the services.

(Article courtesy of Army and Air Force Exchange Service Headquarters)

## 'CINC' is sunk

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The term "CINC" is sunk.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld put out a memo Oct. 24 to Department of Defense leaders saying there is only one commander in chief in America -- the president.

His memo also forbids use of the acronym "CINC" (pronounced "sink") with titles for military officers.

The title of commander in chief is enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. Article II, Section 2, states, "The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States."

Even before World War II, however, the title was applied to U.S. military officers, and over the years "commander in chief" came to refer to the commanders of the U.S. unified combatant commands. Their titles became, for instance, "commander in chief, U.S. Pacific Command" or "commander in chief, U.S. Transportation Command."

No more. Rumsfeld has been using the term "combatant commander" for months now when referring to a regional organization such as the U.S. Central Command and "commander" when talking about a specified unit such as the U.S. Strategic Command.

But don't toss out that old stationery or signs. The memo also tells officials to use old stocks and replace signs only when done as part of regular maintenance. The changes should be done "without any undue additional cost to taxpayers."

The new term is simply "commander," as in "commander, U.S. Northern Command" and "commander, U.S. Special Operations Command."

The next hurdle is getting over the conversational habit of referring to "the CINCs."



## Permissible political participation

Capt. Matt Winfrey

21st SW Chief, Preventive Law and Legal Assistance

It's election time. Everywhere you look you see signs, banners, and ads. The campaigning builds to a frenzy in early November when the average citizen casts his or her vote.

But wait, can active-duty military members participate in the political process that anchors this great nation in the bedrock of freedom? The answer is yes.

Take a look at the list of permissible and impermissible political activities at the end of this article.

The main thing to keep in mind is this: don't associate the Department of Defense with partisan political activities. Seems simple enough, but just what are partisan political activities?

Partisan political activities are those activities that cause people to think that the DoD supports a particular political position. For example, if you go to a political rally, don't wear your uniform or give speeches on behalf of a candidate.

These kinds of things might cause people to think the military supports a particular candidate or political party.

What is permissible then? You can vote; you can contribute money to a political party or committee; you can express personal opinions about issues and candidates; you can attend rallies – in civies – as a spectator; you can even have bumper stickers. Just remem-

ber, you can participate in the political process as long as you don't involve the military in any way.

Here's a list of things to keep in mind.

### Permissible Activities

■ Voting or expressing a personal opinion on candidates and issues

■ Contributing money to political organizations

■ Attending political meetings or rallies, as a spectator while not in uniform

■ Writing a letter to the editor expressing your personal opinion on an issue, though not to promote partisan political activity

■ Signing a petition

■ Displaying political bumper stickers on a POV, wearing a political button while not in uniform

### Impermissible Activities

■ Engaging in partisan political activities (speeches, fundraising, attending national political nominating conventions)

■ Running for or holding office

■ Making or soliciting campaign contributions to individuals

■ Saying contemptuous things about elected officials

■ Displaying a large sign, banner, or poster on one's car

■ Selling tickets for or promoting political fund-raisers

*Guidance on political activities is found in DoD Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty, and AFI 51-902, Political Activities by Members of the U. S. Air Force.*





# Legend makes last flight at Edwards

*Thousands watch as Yeager breaks sound barrier for last time*

By Leigh Anne Bierstine  
*Air Force Flight Test Center Public Affairs*

**A**viation legend and retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager gave the F-15 Eagle one last ride Oct. 26, bringing his 60-year career flying military aircraft to a close in front of thousands of fans at the open house and air show.

Yeager, with Edwards test pilot Lt. Col. Troy Fontaine in the back seat, opened the event by climbing to just over 30,000 feet and impressed the crowd with his infamous sonic boom.

Yeager first broke the sound barrier at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., in October 1947 when he accelerated his rocket-powered Bell X-1 to the speed of Mach 1.06 and shattered the myth of the sound barrier forever.

The crowd hushed as Yeager landed and taxied under an archway of water gushing

from two Edwards fire trucks per Air Force tradition. For his final military flight, Yeager was accompanied in the air by longtime friend and colleague, retired Maj. Gen. Joe Engle, flying his own F-15. The two legendary test pilots have been flying together for decades.

"This is a fun day for us because we get to fly good airplanes and do something we've loved to do for some time," Yeager said.

The general announced earlier this year that 60 years of military flying is long enough.

"Now is a good time," said Yeager. "I've had a heck of good time and very few people get exposed to the things I've been exposed to. I'll keep on flying P-51s and light stuff, but I just feel it's time to quit."

Fans young and old were pleased with the opening flights. Sixteen-year-old Jennifer Thompson attended the air show with her family from Martinez, Calif.

"I was standing in the hangar when General Yeager flew by," Thompson said. "He shook the whole hangar. It was really cool."

After retiring from the Air Force in 1975 with more than 34 years of service, including combat in World War II and Vietnam, Yeager served as a consultant at the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School.

Besides the 40 years he spent flying with his colleagues at Edwards, the general recalled some of his most memorable times as those when he was flying combat missions.

"That is why the Air

Force paid me," said Yeager of his combat time. "That's how I've always looked at it. Flying was my job."

Yeager said being scared was a waste of time.

"If you can't do anything about the outcome of something, forget it," Yeager said. "Instead, you better concentrate on staying alive where you are. It's just plain stupid to get so scared that it affects your performance."

Before his final military flight, the 79-year-old had some advice for pilots starting out. While he admitted having plenty of close calls, the general said good pilots know their

equipment and their limitations.

"It's not being a good pilot that keeps you alive," he said. "What keeps you alive is knowing your airplane. I always wanted to know more about the airplane and its ejection seat than the guys who made them."

When asked about his favorite aircraft, Yeager said it depends on what a pilot needs the aircraft to do.

"I want the one that kills the best with the least amount of risk to me," said Yeager. "That's the facts of life and that's why you wear the uniform."



U.S. Air Force photo

Retired Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager salutes Maj. Gen. Doug Pearson, commander of the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., after exiting an F-15 Eagle on Oct. 26 at the base's open house and air show. The flight marked the close of Yeager's 60-year career flying military aircraft.



# A T Y O U R S E R V I C E

## SnoFest!!!

By 1st Lt. Jeremy Eggers  
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

**T**ickets go on sale today for SnoFest!!! 2003, the military's 13th annual snow sports weekend featuring discounted lodging, lift tickets, and food, Jan. 24-26, 2003, at Keystone Ski Resort.

"Colorado offers some of the best skiing in the world," said Col. Rick Rogers, SnoFest committee chairman. "Whether you want to ski for a day or the whole weekend, SnoFest is a great opportunity for all our people and their families to have an enjoyable, and affordable, time in the mountains."

General Lance Lord, Air Force Space Command commander, appointed the 50th Space Wing, Schriever Air Force Base, as the command lead for this year's SnoFest. He also designated Jan. 24, 2003, as a "Family Day" for all AFSPC bases, based on installation commander determination. "All bases along the Front Range are working hard to make this year's SnoFest a superb event with great discounts," said Rogers.

SnoFest is open to all eligible Department of Defense identification card holders, such as active duty personnel, reservists and guardsmen, retirees, non-appropriated fund employees and civilian federal employees.

"Events are being planned not only for skiers, but non-skiers and children as well. There will be something for everybody," said Rogers.

Rogers urges everyone to book



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Alex Lloyd


**Last year, skiers and snowboarders participated in a number of events, one of which was downhill racing. This year skiers and snowboarders will also participate in downhill racing, leisure skiing, and much more.**

lodging early to ensure the best rates. People can make reservations beginning today — rooms start at \$114 per night (for a deluxe studio that sleeps four). For reservations only, call Keystone lodging at (800) 258-0437. Each base will have a special code to use when making reservations to receive special SnoFest!!! discounts. To make your SnoFest lodging reservation at Keystone Resort and get your military discount, use the code GL7GPET. It identifies readers as a Peterson customer.

Lift tickets for SnoFest are \$29 each day for adults, and will be available at base information, tickets, and tours offices beginning today. Special youth prices for lift tickets are \$19 for ages 5-12. Furthermore, there are two after-ski parties scheduled: the "South of the Border" after-ski party is Jan. 24 and the "All-American Sports" after-ski

party is Jan. 25. Tickets for the after-ski parties also go on sale today at base ticket offices. At Peterson call the Information, Tickets & Tours office at 556-1760.

Other events scheduled this year are a Cardboard Derby race, where families or organizations can build and race a cardboard snow sled. There will also be ski races, sleigh rides, snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Furthermore, non-skiers will have opportunities to go shopping at Silverthorne Outlet Mall, visit the Glenwood Springs hot springs, or enjoy sightseeing in the Breckenridge area.

More information regarding SnoFest activities will be released as it becomes available. For more information on cost and availability of tickets, or about SnoFest activities in general, call base ITT at 556-1760. 

### This Week

#### Today

■ Chief's Challenge 10K Mountain Bike/Race, 11:30 a.m., at the Fitness Center.

#### Saturday

■ Synchronized swimming for ages five and older, 8-10 a.m., at the Aquatics Center.

#### Sunday

■ Entries for walleyball tournament due, at the Fitness Center.

#### Monday

■ Mothers on the Move, at the Family Advocacy Center.

#### Tuesday

■ Sponsorship Training, 7:30-8:30 a.m., at the Family Support Center.  
■ Voters get a \$5 discount on flights, at the Aero Club.

#### Wednesday

■ Gas welding class, 7 p.m., at the Auto Skills Center.

#### Thursday

■ Job orientation, 1-2 p.m., at the Family Support Center.  
■ Play Group, 10:30 a.m. - noon, at the Chapel.  
■ MIG welding class, 7 p.m., at the AutoSkills Center.

### Helpful Numbers

■ Family Advocacy 556-8943  
■ Education Center 556-4064  
■ Library 556-7462  
■ Community Center 556-7671  
■ Aquatics Center 556-4608  
■ Fitness Center 556-4462  
■ Officers' Club 556-4181  
■ Enlisted Club 556-4194  
■ Youth Center 556-7220  
■ Family Support 556-6141  
■ Red Cross 556-9201  
■ Aragon Menu Line 556-4782  
■ Outdoor Recreation 556-4487  
■ Golf Course 556-7810

### This Week

### SERVICES CALENDARS

#### At the Officers' Club



**November 6 --**  
Mongolian BBQ, 6-8 p.m.

**November 13--**  
Special Family Night, 6-8:30 p.m.

**November 28--**  
Make reservations for Thanksgiving Day Family Buffet, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### At the Enlisted Club



**November 6 --**  
No buffet due to a special function.

**November 13 --**  
Pasta buffet, 5-7 p.m.

**November 20 --**  
Chicken buffet, 5-7 p.m.

#### At Outdoor Recreation



**November 2-3--**  
Rock climbing.

**November 2 --**  
Trip to Carlsbad Caverns, N.M. starts.

**November 4 --**  
Trip to Carlsbad Caverns ends.





Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano



Photo by Staff Sgt. Josh Clendenen

# A day in the life of ... *Peterson*

**By Staff Sgt. Josh Clendenen**  
[21st Space Wing Public Affairs](#)

It takes a lot of work to run a military installation. There are people on the flightline, in the dining facilities, and in the Military Personnel Flight.

It's a big machine that if one cog was missing, another would step in and take up the slack, but not

without a lot more work from many different cogs.

Aside from the day-to-day work that goes on across Peterson, there are many things going on that aren't necessarily looked at as mission-essential, but are in fact one of the cogs that help the machine more than it may seem.

Here is a look at a day in the life of Peterson Air Force Base behind the scenes.

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT:** Toras Mansourian, shop technician, installs new tires on a car at the base service station Thursday.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Airman 1st Class Steven Zamora, left, and Senior Airman Justin Robins, both 21st Security Forces Squadron, perform entry control duties at Peterson's North Gate.

**BOTTOM CENTER:** Nona Daugherty, a Student Intern, stocks shelves at the food pantry. The food pantry is a free service to military members in need.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Dave Stanfield, a bowling center mechanic, works on a bowling pinspotter at Peterson's bowling center Thursday.

**TOP LEFT:** Keith Kauspedas, Teximara Transient Alert, puts a protective cover on a transient F-16 Thursday.

**TOP CENTER:** Airman 1st Class Melody Martinez, 21st Services Squadron, hands breakfast to chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray, during his recent visit to Peterson.



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Photo by Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson



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## Leading by example exemplifies life characteristics

By Lt. Col. Mary Matusiewicz  
20th Space Surveillance Squadron Commander

Within days of reporting for basic training, I memorized this quote and over the course of the next nine months repeated "Rommel's quote" hundreds of times — usually as a prerequisite for eating lunch, sometimes while doing pushups, always in my best "sound off, miss" voice.

Years later, I can still recite the words from memory and I appreciate more than ever the challenge Rommel left for each of us to not just preach core values, but to live them both on and off duty.

Being an example implies no rank or duty title but rather a commitment to the highest ideals of service. It implies courage to step out and be different, to not go with the flow, but to do the right thing regardless of popular opinion.

It implies a dedication to influence our environment in a positive manner. On a daily basis we find this level of commitment in our own units and work centers. We see it in the razor-sharp airman who stands at attention for more than an hour to demonstrate that he has "the right stuff" to serve on the base Honor Guard. When asked why he did it, he replied simply "It's my duty. I owe it to those who have gone before me."

It shows in the first sergeant who stands by a troubled airman long after most had given up on him because he is confident that he can turn him in to a top performer. We see it in the supervisor who spends a day off helping a young troop prepare for her Career Development Course exam. It shows in the civilian secretary who serves as a mentor to an elementary school student from a broken home because "I know I

*"Be an example to your men, in your duty and in private life. Never spare yourself and let the troops see that you don't in your endurance of fatigue and privation. Always be tactful and well-mannered and teach your subordinates to be the same. Avoid excessive sharpness or harshness of voice which usually indicates the man who has shortcomings of his own to hide."*

Field Marshal Erwin Rommel  
World War II German General

can be a positive role model and make a difference in this child's life." By their actions they put meaning to the words we call core values and inspire each of us to follow their lead.

Following their lead does not necessarily mean imitating their specific actions. Instead it means incorporating the principles that guide their actions in to our daily routine. It means paying attention to detail, ensuring that we know and comply with standards of dress, personal appearance, and conduct at all times. It means completing all training requirements on time and to the best of our ability. It means reporting for duty on time, every time engaged and ready to perform at the highest level. If we do these things consistently we soon find that we are raising the standard, not only for ourselves, but also for the entire unit. The result is that we perpetuate, through action and exam-

ple, our core values.

Like the Air Force, many corporations espouse core values. Usually they can be found hanging on walls in corporate headquarters. Sometimes they are put to music in a snappy jingle that accompanies a commercial. When times get tough and market conditions change, corporate value statements tend to change or disappear altogether.

On the other hand, our Air Force values on the other hand are timeless. Instead of weakening during tough times, our values serve to bolster the strength of our great Air Force. Why? Because our values are more than just words on a wall -- they are words we live by. Each of us must continue to do our part to ensure our Air Force's legacy of integrity, service, and excellence continues. The best way to do this is to be an example each and every day.

### Peak Performer

**Name:** Senior Airman  
Israel H. Boyd  
**Unit:** 20th Space  
Surveillance Squadron  
**Duty Title:** Operations  
Training Specialist  
**Time in Service:** 3.5 years  
**Hometown:** Midland,  
Texas  
**Off-duty Interests:**



Reading United States history and other self-empowering books; calculus and statistics; running; mentoring younger athletes; and being a great husband.

**Why did you join the Air Force?** My initial reason was for the educational benefits. However, learning and serving in the Air Force has let loose a mighty river of dedication that runs deep within.

**What is your favorite part of your job?** The best part of my job is the interaction with the trainees. It brings me satisfaction knowing that I am training our new operators.

**What inspires you to do what you do?** That's simple. I want to be the best. My mother always told me there is nothing I can't achieve as long as I believe. My approach is faith, backed by persistence. I've reached the age where I fully understand this and now I want to make the most of my life.

**What goals do you have:** My immediate goals deal primarily with education. I plan to complete my Community College of the Air Force degree next spring. Fall of 2003, I will be a full time student at Texas A&M University. Once there, I plan to graduate at the top of my class.







## Opportunities inside the Air Force

By Master Sgt. James Garrett  
21st Communications Squadron

It's hard to believe I'll reach my twenty-year mark in the Air Force this month, and after all of these years, I still enjoy my job and look forward to going to work.

Unfortunately, the same isn't true for everyone. I've met too many people who are not satisfied in their Air Force careers. I know the military isn't for everybody, but many Air Force members remain discontented with their careers, unaware of available options that could possibly change their situations. If you're unhappy with your present Air Force career track and you're considering separating from the Air Force, make sure you investigate all of your career options before making any major decisions.

I've learned a few secrets over the past 20 years to help me maintain interest and enjoy my Air Force profession. Variety and challenge are the keys that prevent boredom and discontentment from creeping into my job. Hopefully, sharing my career experiences will provide insight to some opportunities that may enhance your Air Force career. Two options I've taken advantage of are special duty assignments and cross training. I'll start with a few of the opportunities available in the special duty career fields.

A variety of special duty jobs are accessible for Air Force members; I chose to pursue Professional Military Education instructor duty. PME is one of the most rewarding jobs in the Air Force. Instructor duty offers the challenge of conquering public speaking fears along with the immense satisfaction of motivating future Air Force NCOs.

When I started instructing, I thought the main benefit would be teaching airmen to be the best Air Force members they could be. It didn't take long before I discovered an unexpected benefit. I was learning as much, if not more, from the students, than I was teaching. The experiences of scores of students provided a wealth of information and equipped me to handle a variety of different leadership and management situations.

The skills learned as a PME instructor provided an excellent foundation for my next special duty assignment as a military training leader at the Air Force Academy. As an MTL, I was assigned to one of 36 cadet squadrons, and had the good fortune of working with hundreds of our nation's greatest young people. Primary duties included uniform and dormitory inspections, assisting the cadets' chain of command with daily squadron operations, instructing and teaching drill and ceremonies, and, once again the chance to motivate and inspire Air Force leaders.

This job not only offered a demanding daily routine, but many once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. One of the most challenging and memorable experiences as an MTL came when I enrolled in a parachute class with some of my cadets. After completing a rigorous ground class and five freefall parachute jumps, I earned my jump wings – one of the highlights of my military career. I also accompanied numerous cadet instructor pilots from my squadron to the airfield and had the awesome experience of taking a number of glider rides. The challenges offered by special duty are tremendous, and PME and MTL positions are only two of many special duties available.

If special duty doesn't interest you, cross-training may be another option to consider. The process of cross-training starts with a visit to the Military Personnel Flight. After checking eligibility requirements and ensuring you're releasable from your current position, you select a job from a list of available Air Force Specialties. Your MPF can instruct you on requirements for completing and submitting the necessary packages.

When I applied for cross-training into the computer systems operations career field, I was notified in about two months that I had been selected, and received a school date, followed by an assignment. I PCSed with a TDY en route and attended a three-month technical school Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. The time away from my family was difficult, but the quality of the school made it worthwhile. I've been on the job now for almost a month, and it's more challenging than I initially expected -- but that's what makes it interesting.

If you feel your Air Force career isn't as rewarding as you would like, or you're just ready for a change, take the time to check out the various Air Force career options.

For more information on special duty and PME assignments, visit the Air Force Personnel Center web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil). You can also contact the Peterson MPF Employment Section at 556-7400 for more detailed information on cross-training.

## Management and leadership in technological times

Lt. Col. Lyle W. Cary  
21st Security Forces  
Squadron Commander

You've probably often heard the phrase, "That's a little more than I cared to know." Most times, it's said in jest, but when is too much information genuinely too much?

No one would argue that complete and accurate information is critical in decision making; however, when a leader is buried in ergometry statistics, EPR/OPR on-time data, surveys, and metrics, it seems everything must be measured and reported, leaving little time for actually leading the airmen under their charge.

Much of the information we track provides valuable pulse points, but leaders must exercise caution. Retired Maj. Gen. Perry Smith said, "Management control systems, which allow a great deal of quantifiable data to reach the leader, are also useful feedback mechanisms. However, in their worst forms, they can become heavy burdens, detract from the mission, and deteriorate into data manipulation and dishonest reporting."

Frankly, there is a danger that metric reporting may become the mission, rather than supporting the mission.

Electronic mail, video teleconferencing, computers, and marvelous information tools make data readily available, sometimes in real time. These have wonderful applications in warfare. However, there is also a downside we need to recognize.

One potential pitfall is the temptation to not allow subordinates the freedom to do their duty. For instance, before the days of Powerpoint presentations and e-mail, subordinate commanders and supervisors tracked unit performance measures at their level with minimum oversight. The unit was ultimately evaluated on mission accomplishment.

Today, with the availability of information, we are in danger of requiring too much information (the 100 percent solution -- perfection every time), taking responsibility and authority from subordinates, and getting too far down in the weeds. Consequently, we stifle innovation, sense of responsibility, and creativity. In other words, we say, "I don't trust you." We may be developing a generation of superb data managers, but marginal leaders that lack decisiveness.

Alright then, what are we to do? I'm not presumptuous enough to offer a cure-all. However, a focus on leader-

ship coupled with a healthy management balance is at least part of the answer. Again, I like Gen. Smith's thought:

"Management is about systems, controls, procedures, policies, structure. Leadership is about trust, about allowing yourself to be vulnerable, and about caring for people. The true leader does more than be in charge; he or she learns from, encourages, and rewards motivation, creativity, innovation, achievement, and good morale."

Our challenge is to find the right management controls at the appropriate level that truly contribute to mission success. We should expunge our organizations of metrics that only contribute on the margin, and emphasize a handful of areas that genuinely contribute to getting the job done right.

Above all, we should reward and encourage subordinates to use their innovation and creativity to take the unit to new heights.

Let us not allow metrics and e-mail to become burdens and distract us from our most important duty -- leading and caring for our airmen and civilians who are getting the job done for what retired Gen. Walt Kross called "The greatest force for good in the history of the world."

# Bull's-eye!

*Peterson captain competes in world action pistol championships*

By Senior Airman Shane Sharp  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

A captain from the 21st Maintenance Group recently competed in the world action pistol championships in Pietersburg, South Africa.

Capt. Roger Sherman, 21st MXG Executive Officer, placed 67th out of 2,000, competing against sharp shooters from around the globe at Worldshoot XIII.

Worldshoot is only held every three years and only the best are invited.

Sherman was invited to the international competition after placing 16th at the U.S. National competition in Bend, Oregon, last August.

"Representing the United States and the Air Force was a big responsibility. I was extremely nervous," said Sherman. "Being nervous can overwhelm you if you let it. You just have to stay focused and not get distracted."

Stay focused is just what Sherman did, even when he ran into equipment problems.

"I had some gun malfunctions that definitely affected my final standing," said Sherman. "I hope to return to Worldshoot in 2005 in Ecuador. My goal there will be to place in the top 10."

The Air Force shootist experienced some things at the competition he never had before in more than four years of competitive shooting.

"The courses of fire were very different," said Sherman. "On one of the courses you had to shoot out of the cockpit of a jet. That's not something you really get to train for."

According to Sherman, the overall experience of Worldshoot was unforgettable.

"The competition was like no experience I've ever had," said Sherman. Competing at the world level on challenging new courses and experi-



Courtesy photo

**Capt. Roger Sherman, 21st Maintenance Group, fires at targets from the cockpit of fighter aircraft while a safety observer/timer looks on. This was just one of many challenging shooting courses Sherman faced at the world competition.**

encing South Africa was great. It's a lot different than it looks on the Discovery Channel.

Sherman's love for the fast-paced sport comes from the many challenges it presents.

"It's reactive, freestyle shooting. The Formula 1 of shooting," he said. "There are many different ways of shooting a course. You use your imagination and come up with a solution, then shoot as fast as you can handle. It's

a competition against yourself for time and accuracy."

According to Sherman, anyone can get involved in the sport.

"Beginners or experienced pistol shooters can get involved in action pistol," said Sherman. "People can contact a local club to watch competitions and try out the sport. There are even safety courses offered for beginners."

"It's all about being safe and having fun," he added.





Photo by John Van Winkle

### Excuse me!

Falcons wide receiver J.P. Waller stiff-arms Wyoming Cowboys safety Guy Tuell. Waller, a sophomore out of Bryan, Texas, had four catches for 51 yards during Wyoming's 34-26 upset of Air Force. The Falcons take on Army at West Point, N.Y., Nov. 9 at 1:05 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. The game will be televised on ESPN-plus.



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## Down Range

By Staff Sgt.

Josh Clendenen

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

It's the beginning of the month and that means it's time for another installment of *Down Range*.

The snow is flying and the ski slopes are already opening. Team Pete members will be swishing down the slopes at a high rate of speed and catching air off the monstrous jumps.

But what is there to do for the person who doesn't ski or snowboard? Actually, there are a number of things to do.

Cross-country skiing can be a great workout. And so can snowshoeing, for that matter. If those activities don't sound appealing, you can always take the family outside and build an old-fashioned snowman, or even have a snowball fight.

Sometimes those can be the most fun things to do in the snow. How long has it been since you and your friends have gotten together, built snow forts, and had a snowball fight? For me it's been an eternity. But I remember how much fun it was.

I can also remember going outside when I was young and building a snowman with my brother. It was fun, cheap, and gave us hours of entertainment.

In a nutshell, don't let the snow scare you. Dress warm, get outside, and enjoy the winter wonderland. If you drive anywhere, take your time and take the necessary precautions.

For those who have never seen snow before, it will be an experience you'll never forget. Just enjoy it. After all, winter only comes around once a year. 